

What is the Light of the World?

A Christmas Cantata
December 23rd, 10:15am

What is the Light of the World? is a Christmas Cantata for choir and Orchestra in three parts, composed by Director of Music, Dave Ramsey:

I. The Overture *Lux in Tenebris* - or - *Prophecy*. Remembers the song which called across time to bring light into the world.

II. The Story *Fiat Lux* - or - *the Second Spark*. Remembers how light came into the world a second time. We recognize the light of creation in the crying and the laughter of the Incarnation.

III. The Message *Ne Timeas* - or - *the Living Light*. Asks and attempts to answer three questions: 'What is Light?', 'How does Light work?', and 'Who is Light?' The text for this section comes from the voices of our community.

Cookies for Christmas Eve

We will be providing cookies and coffee again for the Christmas Eve services. We are collecting donations of store bought cookies. Gluten free options are welcome, but no nuts, please. Bring them any time before December 23rd and put them in the bin in the kitchen.

Youth 2019 Registration & Information Meeting Sunday, Jan. 6th, 11:15am, Chapel

Next summer the youth group will be attending Youth 2019 in Kansas City, Missouri. We will most likely leave **July 9th** and return **July 14th**. Registration for the event is \$319

and the overall cost will be around \$800 per person. **Each youth will be expected to pay \$100** and we will fundraise the rest. **We will have a parent and youth meeting about this trip on January 6th at 11:15am in the Chapel.** Registration forms are due to Rev. Megan no later than January 20th.



Worship This Advent

This will be a season of honoring the dark but inviting in the light. In this context, the “light of Christ” and the light of all of us is invited to shine not just one day a year, but every day of the year, any one of which can be very dark. Especially in the dark times the light of Christmas needs to be remembered. Darkness is the most appropriate time for the birth of the Divine. It is a time of stillness and of quiet and from there the Christ is born.



Sunday Worship Services, 10:15am

1st Sunday of Advent, Dec 2nd - Longing for Hope

2nd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 9th - Longing for Peace
Children and Youth Come As You Are Pageant

3rd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 16th - Longing for Love

4th Sunday of Advent, Dec 23rd - Longing for Joy
Christmas Cantata, *What is the light of the World?*

1st Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 30th - New Year's Renewal
Koins for Kids will be given to Rainbow Alley

Special Worship Services

Blue Christmas/Longest Night, Thursday, Dec. 20th, 7pm

This special time of worship will be more quiet and contemplative, recognizing the grief and longing some face during this season.

Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24th - Longing for Light!

5:00pm Wiggle Friendly

7:00 & 9:00pm Traditional Candlelight

Christmas Eve offerings will be divided between Urban Peak and The Gathering Place, which serve the homeless of metro Denver.

Come As You Are Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 9th, during worship

Join us for the all included, no prep, Come As You Are Christmas Pageant. Each child and youth will have a role to play, and the best part...there are no rehearsals. Come at **9am on Sunday morning** and head to your Sunday School Classrooms. Each child will be given a costume and some brief instructions of whom they should follow and we will celebrate the joy of an impromptu nativity story during our 10:15am worship service.



Parents Day Out: Christmas

Need a chance to go Christmas shopping without the little ones?

Plan to have your kids, ages newborn through 10 years, hang out at church **Sunday, Dec. 9th**

11:30am-3:30pm so you can shop.

Lunch is included. **The cost is \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child** since this is a youth fundraiser for their trip to Youth 2019. Please sign up by December 2nd so they are ready to play with your kids! Questions? email Rev. Megan at marmstrong@christchurchcolorado.org Sign up online at <https://christchurchum.breezechms.com/form/ccebaa51>



Adult Seminar, 9:00am Sunday mornings, Chapel

Dec. 2nd Todd Breyfogle (Aspen Institute)

“An Amateur’s Guide to the Care of the Modern Soul, Part I”

Dec. 9th - Hilary Smith (DU) “The Muslim Minority in China”

Dec. 16th - Todd Breyfogle (Aspen Institute)

“An Amateur’s Guide to the Care of the Modern Soul, Part II”

No education classes for any age Dec. 23rd or Dec. 30th.



Sunday, Dec. 16th, 6:00pm, Blackmun/Turpin home

Hey, Youth - let's celebrate our year together with food, fun, and silly gift exchange!! We will eat dinner, enjoy some games and do a white elephant gift exchange. Questions? contact Alli Moore at amoore@christchurchcolorado.org

Diaper Tree

“It’s hard to be a mom with a baby. Now imagine it without diapers.” This quote is from the Rocky Mountain Diaper Depot (RMDD) website. RMDD recognized that purchasing diapers for your child can cost \$100 per month, and many childcare facilities and laundromats won’t allow cloth diapers. We will collect disposable diapers and wipes for Rocky Mountain Diaper Depot during the month of December. Diaper Depot distributes them to organizations around metro Denver to those who cannot afford them.